

**Puget Sound Energy COVID-19 Cost Deferral Petition
Dockets UE-200780 and UG-200781**

**Avista Corporation COVID-19 Cost Deferral Petition
Dockets UE-200407 and UG-200408**

**Pacific Power & Light Company COVID-19 Cost Deferral Petition
Docket UE-200234**

**Cascade Natural Gas Corporation COVID-19 Cost Deferral Petition
Docket UG-200479**

**NW Natural COVID-19 Cost Deferral Petition
Docket UG-200264**

**DECLARATION OF LISA W. GAFKEN
IN SUPPORT OF JOINT RESPONSE OF
THE OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON ATTORNEY GENERAL
PUBLIC COUNSEL UNIT
AND
THE ENERGY PROJECT**

Exhibit No. 7:

**Cascade's Response to Public Counsel and
The Energy Project Informal Data Request No. 12
(without Attachments)**

Request No. 12 Updated

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Updated Response

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, including the projected economic growth reductions in our communities, in April Company management instructed a 40% cut to all growth “blanket” projects. In addition to the growth blanket cuts, management requested that all projects be looked at to determine what else could be deferred without compromising safe and reliable service. As a result, some specific projects were deferred as well to future years as a result of COVID-19.

Please see “CNGC Growth Blanket Specific COVID Reductions – Working vs 2020 Approved – Actuals thru September.” This report presents all growth blanket and significant specific funding projects that were cut/deferred as a result of COVID-19. The amounts within provide a monthly comparison of what is currently in the working version, which combines actuals through September and forecasted October through December, with the 2020 approved budget amounts. All projects, with the exception of FP-101210 and FP—101259, are 100% Washington. FP-101210 and FP-101259, would be allocated to Washington at 74.17%.